public about the functioning of the PDS—organizing PDS adalats in conjunction with Legal Aid Authorities—holding public meetings in circles/moholaas every two months—due publicity to be given—NGOs of repute to be associated.

(xvi) To increase viability of FPS's, distribution of kerosene oil (though an equally discredited and corrupt system) by FPS's to be considered as is being done in Mumbai.

(xvii) Putting up of prominent and visible boards at FPS shops and on the trucks carrying PDS.

(xviii) Strict standard conditions for engaging the trucks to transport PDS food grain and also installing GPS on each and every truck engaged by the transporter—immediately as a truck carrying PDS food grain moves out from the FCI godown messages by SMS/fax/mobile phone/telephone call, to be passed on to Vigilance Committee, Member(s) of the area and FPS concerned for which the foodgrain is meant.

(xix) To strictly follow and implement the Revised Model Citizens' Charter issued by the Department of Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India and communicated by letter dated 30th July 2007 to the State Governments.

(xx) Amnesty Scheme—four weeks time be given to persons holding bogus/fake cards to deposit the same with FPS/Circle Office—no questions asked. On verification by door-to-door survey if any bogus/fake card is found, prosecution be launched not only against the persons holding bogus/fake cards but also against the officers of the Department responsible for issuing bogus/fake cards—publicity to be given both by print/electronic media and also hoardings to be displayed at prominent places of the amnesty scheme.

(xxi) Section 15A given unnecessary protection to public servants engaged in the distribution of PDS. The Section should be repealed. Without the actual connivance and participation of public servants in the PDS there cannot possibly be diversion of foodgrains.

Allocation of foodgrains to Jharkhand for BPL families

†835. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total foodgrains allocated to Jharkhand for BPL families every year during the last three years;

(b) the total foodgrains offtook by the State Government out of allocated foodgrains;

(c) whether the State Government has made any request to increase this allocation; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A Statement showing allocation and offtake of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in respect of BPL families in Jharkhand during the last three years *i.e.* 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) No Sir.

(d) Question does not arise in view of reply at (c) above.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Allocation and Offtake of Foodgrains under TPDS of Jharkhand for the period 2004-2005 to 2006-2007

(In thousand tons)

Year	Commodity	Allocation			Offtake		
		BPL	AYY	Total BPL+AAY	BPL	AAY	Total BPL+AAY
2004-2005	Rice	483.016	113.120	596.136	163.032	91.673	254.705
	Wheat	318.096	91.260	409.356	202.882	75.993	278.875
	Total	801.112	204.380	1,005.492	365.914	167.666	533.580
2005-2006	Rice	448.992	168.960	617.952	173.360	150.030	323.390
	Wheat	251.232	136.308	387.540	207.550	132.600	340.150
	Total	700.224	305.268	1,005.492	380.910	282.630	663.540
2006-2007	Rice	512.322	183.340	695.662	274.117	180.250	454.367
	Wheat	187.902	121.928	309.830	153.855	119.016	272.871
	Total	700.224	305.268	1,005.492	427.972	299.266	727.238

Reduction in quota of foodgrains to BPL families

†836. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to reduce quota of foodgrains to BPL families; and

(b) if so, the details of the quota of foodgrains being issued to BPL families at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Effect of organized retails trading on price rise

837. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent past witnessed a steep increase of price;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the measures taken by Government to help the consumers;

(c) whether it is a fact that this is the period of vast expansion in organized retail trading; and

(d) whether this increase in organized retail trading added momentum to the price rise?

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